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In re Application of : Toshihiro SUGIURA and Eiji SHIBA
Serial no. : 09/473,080
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or : CABLE BROADCASTING SYSTEM
Group Art Unit : 2611
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed June 9, 2003, please enter the following before
reconsideration of this application.

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6 and 7 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over
Stern et al. '557. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised
obviousness rejection in view of the following remarks.

With respect to the Examiners statement: "Official Notice is taken that it is well known
and obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the
system of Stern to stagger the command signals so as to not overload the power supply of a
single tap with multiple commands to switch a relay." This Applicant respectfully disagrees and
does not concede this point.

As the Examiner is undoubtedly aware the taking of "Official Notice unsupported by
documentary evidence should only be taken by the Examiner where the facts asserted to be

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